

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Stephen Hougland, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Kristi Bruther, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Joseph Abban was absent.

Councilor Murphy offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer's Assistant to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

City resident John Wales came forward representing "Remember Blake Car Show". Mr. Wales presented a check to the City of Franklin for the Blake Dickus Criminal Tipline Reward Fund in the amount of \$500.00. Councilor Murphy announced that he and his wife would like to donate \$500.00 to this fund also. The Mayor thanked Mr. Wales and Councilor Murphy.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the February 2, 2015 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**First Reading**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-02 (Amended) An Ordinance to Regulate Work in the Streets or Street Right-of-Way (ROW) Within the City of Franklin, Indiana and Repealing and**

**Replacing Ordinance No.: 10-16** – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. City Engineer Underhill stated the proposed ordinance had been on the previous agenda but following discussions with Mr. Barnett some requested revisions were made. Mr. Underhill stated the purpose of this ordinance is to update Franklin’s fee schedule to line up with other area cities and counties. A discussion was held. This matter will be set for public hearing at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Public Hearing**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-01 An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Engine Compression Brakes** – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Senior Planner Myers came forward and stated that the ordinance should be amended to remove all references to “jake brake”, as the term “jake brake” is trademarked. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to amend the ordinance to strike “also known as “jake brake” from section 1(A)(1), strike section 1(A)(2) in its entirety, and strike “or jake brake” from section 1(B)(1), seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for Public Hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the amended version of Ordinance 15-01, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-03 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds** – Mayor McGuinness read the title, and gave an overview of this budgetary ordinance, and opened the floor for Public Hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-04 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-10 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2015 (Civil City)** – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and stated that the intention is to simply change the title of an existing position. The Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **New Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all matters listed by title only, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **First Reading**

**Common Council Resolution No.: 15-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Certain Credit Card Accounts (Repealing and Replacing Resolution No.: 14-08)** – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Franklin, Indiana, to Deposit, Invest, and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories** – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and stated that this would be brought back at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for public hearing.

**Request to Obtain Signatures on Interlocal Agreement Between Johnson County, Indiana and the City of Franklin, Indiana Regarding the Replacement of Bridge #502** - City Attorney Gray explained the purpose of the proposed Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Gray stated that this agreement will authorize the County to move forward with replacement of Bridge #502. She also explained that the City intends to ask the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) to provide the funding. City Engineer Underhill stated we would be partnering with Johnson County, and they will be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the cost to replace the bridge, sidewalks and lighting and some re-routing of the trail system will also be done. Mr. Underhill stated that for the cost of this agreement, \$172,500.00, we would spend more if we just redid the sidewalks, lighting, and trail re-route. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve subject to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) approving funding, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **Other Business**

**Report on Encumbrances Carried Over into 2015** – Mayor McGuinness stated this report is provided as required by the DLGF for Council review but it requires no specific action.

**Memorandum Regarding 2015 Budget Order & Tax Rates** – Mayor McGuinness indicated that the document provided by the DLGF is the City's approved 2015 Budget Order and Tax Rates.

## **Council Comments**

Council President Barnett and Councilor Austin welcomed Councilor Murphy back to the Council.

Councilor Barnett asked City Engineer Underhill about the Stormwater Master Plan that was approved earlier in the evening by the Board of Works. Mr. Underhill stated he thought this would be a great plan

for the city. Mr. Underhill also stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) nominated the City of Franklin for the 2015 Greenways Award. Mr. Underhill thanked Planning Civil Technician Mark St. John for all of his hard work on this project. City Attorney Gray stated the Stormwater Master Plan was available on the city website and should be read over by Council.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 03/12/15

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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